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1. MARK CHONA TOLD ME JUNE 9 THAT HE HAD CHECKED INTO STORY THAT SWAPO DISSIDENTS WERE SEGREGATED AND PLACED UNDER GUARD AND HAD FOUND THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE.

2. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO SWAPO DETAINEES AT MEHEBA BUT ARE NOT SURE THAT THIS IS TRUE AT NYANGO. MEHEBA IS A LEGITIMATE REFUGEE CAMP (PRIMARILY ANGOLAN REFUGEES) AND IS FREQUENTLY VISITED BY UNHCR, UNDP AND OTHER UN AGENCY REPS. AFRICAIRE TEAM ALSO HAS VISITED THIS CAMP. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MEHEBA WITH THESE VISITORS AND NONE HAS EVER SPOKEN OF SWAPO DETAINEES THERE. NYONGO ON THE OTHER HAND IS STRICTLY SWAPO AND VISITS BY
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OUTSIDERS TO THE CAMP HAVE BEEN ALMOST UNKNOWN. THERE COULD BE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF SWAPO DETAINEES AT MEHEBA, INCLUDING THOSE HELD FOR MILITARY INDISCIPLINE AS WELL AS THOSE POLITICALLY SUSPECT. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO PIN DOWN WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE DETAINEES AT NYANGO AND IF SO WHAT KIND.
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